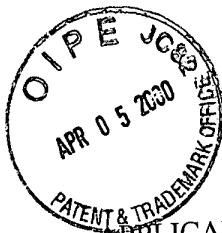


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FOR: USE OF GROWTH HORMONE

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2000.

Please cancel Claims 19-21, and 25-40 without prejudice to their re-entry at some later

date.

Please amend the claims as follows.

22. (Amended) A method for [preventing or] treating a patient having the Metabolic Syndrome and being [for] non-insulin dependent [diabetes mellitus] which comprises administering to [a] said patient [in need thereof] growth hormone or a functional derivative thereof in an amount effective for [preventing or treating non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus.] increasing insulin sensitivity of said patient to thereby increase said insulin sensitivity.

Claim 23, line 1 delete "grown" and insert --growth--.

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